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Ash Tree. In front of B. Francis Rhoades house, County st. Girth 11 ft. 5 in.

Ames street. From South main st. to East st., making several bends. Named for John Ames Brother of Oliver Ames of Easton who with ~~H~~ Augustus Lothrop who Established the Cutlery Business in Sharon about 1850

Amlong court. From Mountain st., easterly, to Theodore Amlong's house. — 1763 Jacob Johnson place

Ashcroft

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Antiquarian Committee

Appointed by vote of the Town of Sharon "Town Clerk record" Solomon Talbot, Joel P. Hewins Jonathan R. Packard,
Were appointed to secure the Indian relics and Heir Looms, given to the Town by the Moses Richard family,
These relics were brought to the Town House

Solomon Talbot Presented the record book,
Jonathan R. Packard Presented the Cabinet
Joel P. Hewins deposited the relics in the Cabinet - all Gratis,

320 ft high

Bald Hill. 320+ ft. high, at east side of Everett st., between the Sanatorium and the Town Farm. A pole (with sometimes a vane on top) has been maintained on the hill since the Harrison campaign of 1840, so it is said.

Bay Road. The ancient highway from Taunton to Boston (also called the Taunton road) ran along the entire east boundary of Sharon. Now called Bay street all the way from Cobb's Corner to Taunton.

Bay street. 5 miles long, on the boundary between Sharon and Stoughton, the center line of the street being the boundary. Road from Boston to Taunton First-traveled 1707 in 1743 it was continued to New Bedford

Beach street. From Pond st. to East Foxborough st., following the beach on the northwest side of Massapoag pond.

Bear Rock. Wm R. Mann says it is near the railroad crossing of Wolomolopog St This crossing is in East Foxborough. Is the rock in Sharon? Its more exact locatio

Bearfoot Hill. 360+ ft. high (U.S. Geol. Sur.) West of the railroad, in the square formed by Furnace St., Foxborough boundary and on the other two sides by Wolomolopog St.

Beaver Brook. sometimes has been called Beaver Hole Meadow brook, rises in Beaver Hole meadow, runs northeast 2½ miles, crossing Upland Road, Maskwonicut St., the railroad and Canton St. It unites with Massapoag brook a little north of North main St.

Beaver Hole Meadow. A large meadow between the railroad and Moose Hill St.

The dam was built many years ago to flow the meadow and to draw the wood from the lots also to raise cranberries by Elijah Kewin Esq. It was surveyed to be used as a reservoir for canton manufacturing companies but the employment of Steam prevented its use for that purpose

Beech Tree. A large beech tree is on the east slope of Ridge hill, a little south of the hemlock grove on the ridge in rear of George C. Morrell's house.

Belcher street. Extending westerly from Bay st. at residence of Fred W. Mansfield. The path in continuation of this street leads to Devil's bridge, and so on to the Center. House built by Jeremiah Belcher afterwards occupied by Benjamin Richards who married Helen Belcher Daughter
Ben's Bridge. Uncle Ben Richards, whose house until a few years ago was standing at the end of Belcher St., put a split-stone from rock to rock over Massapoag Brook, to form a crossing (Ben's bridge). The split-stone was dislodged and can be seen in the bed of the stream. The crossing is now called Devil's bridge
Bertram Street. Leading from High Plain st. to Norwood st. Old Fuller place 1740

Billings Brook. Dorchester Proprietors plat of the twelve divisions (1726). Crosses South Main st. at Paradise meadows, and runs through Cannon lake near Furnace st. It flows into Little Canoe river and thereafter into Taunton river.

Billings burying ground. At the junction of County st. and South Main st. The oldest grave stone date is Capt. Ebenezer Billings 1718 N.S.

Billings court. Private way from Moore Hill st. in continuation of Upland Road, and leading to Leonard Billings house.
Israel Smith-jr

Billings Pond. Name that was sometimes given to Wolomolopoag pond. which see.
Indian name for deep pleasant Pond deep (water)

Billings street. From Sharon Center to East st. near the Bennett house. Built about 1830

Bird lane. From Mr Birds house to Rock Ridge, 1780 Samuel Esley's old Cellar North of the great pit - on Birds land,

Bluff Head Hill. Called Bluff Hill on Walling's map 1853. The south elevation of Moose Hill range at north corner of Walpole st. and Moose Hill st. 440 ft. high (U. S. Geo. Sur.)

Boundary stones (on Sharon territory formerly belonging to Stoughton) See Hewins' town map of 1831. The original stones, or some of them, are still standing.

Boyden place. Easterly from Summit ave. opposite High st.

Bradford street. Private way from Chestnut St. to Ames St.

Brook Road. From North Main st easterly, meeting a cross road from Glendale Road. Now owned by Edgar M. Hixson. A woodland path in continuation of Brook Road leads to Massapoag brook. Land once owned by Benjamin Foley - 1727 died 1750 Born in Topsfield

Brooks (unnamed ?) A brook in Dr. George W. Field's farm, crossing Moose Hill st. and running east to Beaver Hole meadow - Named Pleasant Brook on old [illegible]

A brook, two miles long, rising near South Walpole st, runs northwest and empties into N Sponset river in Walpole west of Washington St. (U.S. Geol. Surv.)

Plimptons Cranberry Meadow

A brook running south from near Wolomolopaug st. about 1/2 mile to Billings brook. Reuben Clapp's turning mill used to be on it (Walling's map 1853). ~~The brook runs into Little Cowesett, and thence into Jacobs Pond~~

A brook rising in Stoughton, crossing Bay st. and the southeast corner of Sharon and Mountain St. and emptying into Leach's pond. Walling's map 1853 shows S. Briggs factory on the stream on south side of Mountain St with a pond and a reservoir up the brook. Ruins of factory still visible.

Bullard Hill.

Brook

Bullard Rock. A ledge of rock or elevation between Norwood st. and Bullard st. Used to be resorted to for neighborhood picnics of School Children

Bullard street. From Maskwonicut st. (near Puffer's brook) to Norwood st. Built by the Town about 1854 to accommodate Enoch Bullard Esq. who came from Roxbury to his old Homestead

Billings Tavern. The site was on South Main st. Opposite Paradise meadows. See account of Sarah Knights entertainment here in 1704, and many references in Judge Sammel Sewall's diary.

Bleachery Mill

Cannon Lake. In the south part of Sharon, west of Furnace St. formed by damming Billings brook. This is the site of the ancient cannon foundry. On Walling's map 1853 it is marked "Joseph Holmes mill" [shingle.]

Canoe Brook.

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Carpenter's Brook. Rises below D. Alden Carpenter's house, rear of Upland Road, and empties into Beaver brook.

Carpenter's Hill. The steep descent of Upland Road from D. Alden Carpenter's house.

Canton street. From North Main st, at the foot of Saw-mill hill, crossing the railroad at "Low bridge"; and passing the termini of Richards st. and Dresham st. to Canton line The Jacob Esley Cellar on the Left- 1765 Passing Oedham Street to and Elwood Cemetery

Cedar street. From Beach st. westerly to East Foxborough st.

Center school-house site. On the Congregational church lawn, between the horse sheds and North Main st. The old Center School house.

Chestnut street. From Depot st. near the railroad to Pond st. nearly opposite Johnson st. It makes several bends and crosses South Main st. north of the town hall.

Chestnut Tree cemetery. On the rising ground west of Canton st. and just north of Richards st. So called from a large chestnut tree that formerly stood in the highway in front of the cemetery. It is incorrect to say Chestnut Hill cemetery.

Clark's Brook. Shown on Walling's map 1853 as running west on the north side of Cow hill, and uniting with Lewis brook William Parker buried 1732 first stone Ex dec

Clark street. A street west of and parallel with the railroad, beginning on South Main st near the railroad bridge and going to Baden st. at Sharon Heights.

Cobb's Corner. The locality in northeast part of Sharon in the vicinity of junction of North Main St. and Bay st.

Cobb's Tavern. On the west side of Bay st. opposite Central St. in Stoughton. This was on the old line of mail coaches, was the Sharon post office for many years, and afterwards until ? the East Sharon post office.

Conkanpeimshon swamp. This cedar swamp is marked on the Dorchester Proprietors plat of the twenty five divisions (1730) as lying about one mile south of the southwest corner of Massapoag pond. Its territory was bounded east and south by Mansfield St. Name infrequently heard now.

Cottage Street. From Billings st. south to Ames st. at the "hammer shop" of the knife works.

Cotton mill site. North Main st. at the crossing of Massapoag brook. The town voted leave in 1810 to build a dam in the road, and in 1811 was built here the first cotton factory in Sharon (Jeremiah Lowell's Annals of Sharon, 1830) Owned by the Sharon Neponset Cotton Mfg. Co. In the 30's, James Carpenter rented the plant and manufactured cotton shirtings. (W. R. Mann)

County street. From Charles Stuart Guild's house in Walpole, south to South main st. at Paradise meadow. Anciently a portion of the old post road. The part south of South Walpole st. is difficult to travel.

Cow Hill. Two eminences 300 ft high (U.S. Geol. Sur.) adjacent to each other, one mile southeast of Bearfoot hill and south of East Foxborough st. There used to be a ministerial lot on Cow hill granted by the Dorchester Proprietors in 1746 Was Sold by the town to Nathan Drake Clerk Court who afterwards Moved to Stoughton about 1800

Deborah Sampson Gannett house. On north west side of East st. a little north of Billings st. and Gannet brook. The building has been considerably changed since Mrs. Gannett's day.

Dedham street. A curving street, without a house, between Canton st. and Viaduct st. Built by the Town 1763 descending towards Pigeon Swamp The old Hawes Cellar on the left - noted on Butcher's map 1697 & Whale rock on the left - in the road. A grand view the finest Interval scene on Dorran Depot street. From the Center down meeting-house hill to the railroad. Its continuation to Moose Hill st. is now called Upland Road.

Devil's Bridge. A crossing over Massapoag brook in a line about half way between Cobb's Corner and the Center. The place is reached by many romantic paths. Once called Ben's bridge, which see.

Double Bridge. The stone bridge over which Maskwonicut st. crosses the railroad and Beaver brook. [It is not meant to say that the bridge actually goes by the name "double bridge", only that that is the purpose of the bridge.]

Drake cemetery. An interesting old burial ground, the name Drake predominating, a quarter of a mile off Mansfield st. The path to it is nearly opposite Willow st.

Dry Pond. On the west side of Bay st. Opposite in Stoughton are Plain st. and Dry Pond cemetery. Dry Pond is an ancient name, found on Dorchester Proprietors' plat of the twenty five divisions 1730. Also on Walling's map 1853

Dudley's Hill. 300 ft and more high. The hill over which South Main st. goes at Foxborough line.

Joseph Everet-Was born 173 Married Hannah Richards 1727 resided on the town Farm and had a large family of boys and Girls, he died 1794, his Youngest-Son Oliver took the place Married and brought up another large family of children, and he Sold the farm to the town of Sharon,

East Foxborough street. From South Main st. (one mile south of the Center) to Foxborough bounds. It lies east of the railroad, and is the direct road to East Foxborough. The most direct Road to Taunton at East Foxborough street burying ground.

The Hodges Families, Capt. Josiah Pratt and Whitlock a German Soldier Captured at Bennington Vt. lived in Sharon died and was buried here.

East Sharon. The northeast portion of Sharon on and near Bay st.

Near Bullens house, was an old Lieut. William Holmes house about 1750, Southwest corner Belcher & Bay st was Jonathan Belchers old house. The Buck Matlock house was built for a Tavern, Burnt down. East street. From Bay st., 3/4 south of Cobbs Corner, (to northeast corner of Massapoag pond making a bend at Mountain St. The Savage Tavern at the Post of the Tiff house was occupied by John Noyes 1740 afterward by his Son John, then William Savage Last worthy Tavern keeper was Taken down about 75 years ago

Easton street. From bend in Mansfield st., at house of Charles Elbert Howard, running south to Easton bounds. This latter point is a little east of monument "1799" marking the junction of the three towns, Sharon, Easton and Mansfield.

Edgewood Road. From Walnut st. south to South Pleasant St.

Elm Tree. girth in Viaduct st. in front of James H. McManus' house.

Everett street. From Upland Road at A. Alden Carpenter's house, northwest, to the Town Farm. A continuation on the left by an old cellarhole at a house before 1794 somewhat out of use leads on to Norwood st. at North Sharon. The road passes through a defile with Ball's hill on the east and a still higher eminence on the west, with rocky approaches.

Edward Ellis home site. On east side of the railroad between the depot and Maskwonicut St. Easily seen from the cars, ancient apple trees and cinnamon rose bushes with old cellar hole marking the place.

Forge site. On Beaver brook, between Upland Road and Mashuonicut st, close by the railroad on the west. Indentified by old dam and slag heaps. (See fulling mill)

Foundry (cannon) site. South side of Cannon lake, where are heaps of iron slags. Cannon and cannon ball were made here in the revolutionary times.

Fulling mill site. Same spot as forge site on Beaver brook (above). The fulling mill was operated by Ebenezer Mann.

Furnace street. From Wolomolopag st (at the Clark house) south towards Foxborough bounds.

one Everton leased the place for carding wool dressing and finishing cloth. He coas to draw off the water in summer. This he neglected. Some one at night destroyed his dam. Disgusted, he sold out the machinery to Obed Johnson who carried on the business for some time

Gannett Brook. Rises east of East st, flows northwest across that street and empties into Massapoag brook.

Gannett Hill. The ascent in East st. south of Billings st.

Garden street. From South main st. east, passing Sharon Heights station, to East Foxborough st.
Was built by order of the county Commissioners the town having refused to build it about 1846 for George Howard and Son who run the store which Pettee & Colburn now occupy.

Gingko Tree. On east side of Pleasant st. at corner of Depot st. on Frank S. Billings' premises.

Glendale Road. From North main st. (at the Glendale House) easterly. A woodland path in continuation of it leads to Massapoag brook.

Great Fowl Meadow. The meadow south of the Neponset river in Sharon is (speaking generally) a portion of the Great Fowl Meadow, which extends from this point down the river.

Gun House street. From Beach st. west to South Main st. The old gun house was situated on the south side near the west terminus of the street. (Wm R. Mann)

Hemlock Trees. On an eskar a little south of Cobb's tavern on west side of Bay st. Also on the Ridge hill in rear of house of George C. Morrell.

High Plain. A tract of land comparatively level in Sharon and East Walpole.

High Plain street. From Norwood st. (at North school house) west, crossing Traphole brook and Moose Hill st. to Walpole line. Crossing Moose Hill Street near the burying ground and so on to the old County road at High Plain and Walpole 1791

High street. From North main st. (at the Congregational church) east to Summit ave ~~left~~ right— Episcopal Church on

Highland street. From North Main st. (opposite the high school building) East, crossing Summit ave.

Highland avenue. A private way from Massapoag st. to the Gates house.

Hixson Hill. North of junction of Beaver and Massapoag brooks and near the railroad. 260 ft. high, but prominent from its elevation of 100 feet above the brook meadows.

Hobbs Hill. See Herring's Map of Sharon 1831

Hornbeam Tree (or iron-wood tree) A good sized specimen is near the wood road which is the extension of Brook Road

House Rock. A curious cavity formed by rocks, piled naturally on one another, near Cow hill. Reached by an old cart path running north from Mansfield st. just west of James Findlater's house.

Hunkampisky swamp. (See Conkampenishon)
The term "Hunkampinsky" is apparently a corruption of the original name denoted by the Dorchester Proprietors

Huntington avenue. Easterly from North Main st., a little south of Maskwonecut st.

Hydraulic company's works. On Beaver brook a little north of Upland Road and west of the present water works. Joel Hewins, Charles Ide and Philip Curtis were stockholders. The Christian Society became a holder. Harridon (Jeremiah) house site where the old well is, near the foot of Carpenter's hill, on the south side of Upland Road (Wm. R. Mann.) See William B Wickes' and others article in Scrap Book. No.

Also

Elijah Hewins Paint mill beyond the Hydraulic works on the same dam about 70 years ago Elijah Hewins Esq was the justice of the peace also a surveyor of land and surveyed the Beaver Hole Meadows, and made a Map of the Town of Sharon in the Year 1831

Iron Mines

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Iron wood tree. (see Hornbeam)

Jensen court.

Ebenezer Harlow
Married Mary Johnson the
daughter of John Johnson who
owned a large farm of 150 acres
now occupied by John O Leary
He gave his Son in law a large
tract of land the North part of
his farm, here Harlow labored
diligently, Built a house and b
This farm was also called in old times
Harlows Cabbage swamp, the house
and barn were lately burned down,
the farm is surrounded by dense
forest; near the Entrance is a fine
knoll, from the top of which is a
large rock, here resided the Spirit-
that guarded the Entrance to the
happy Valley-

Knife works. The Knife Works or Knife Works village denote the houses on or near Ames st. where the knife works were situated.

As to term "Pitch Square" W.R.M.

Knowlwood cemetery. A large cemetery situated on the bounds between Sharon and Canton, between the railroad and Canton st.

Leach's Pond. A large pond on the boundary between Sharon and Easton.

Lewis Brook. Shown on Walling's map, 1853, as running south between the railroad and East Foxborough St., and after crossing that street uniting with Clark's brook.

Linden Tree. On the east side of Richards st north of site of Richards house.
On Enoch Fuller's land

Lakeview street. From East Foxborough St (south of Mohawk St.) and running southeast to Mansfield st. (at the South school house). Gives a view of Massapoag pond from the southwest.

Mann's Mill. A brick building at Mann's pond on the South side of Billings st, where for 57 years and until recently cotton duck was manufactured.

Mann's Pond. Formed by damming Massapoag brook, at Billings st. near Deborah Sampson st.

Mann's Hill street A private way from East st. west. to Deborah Sampson st.

Mansfield street. From Morse st. southwesterly to Mansfield bounds, making several decided bends, and passing the South school house, Easton st. and Willow st.

Maple avenue From Pond st. east, going past the terminus of Summit ave. to Stone ave.

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Maskwonicut Brook (see Puffer's Brook),

Maskwonicut meadow. Rear of Solomon Talbot's house on Maskwonicut st. The term appears on Dorchester Proprietor's plat of the twelve divisions where is a lot through which the Beaver brook flows and thus described "Sold Matthew Hobbs 200 acres. within these lines is a meadow called Maskwonicut meadow not belonging to ye lot sold"

Maskwonicut street. From North Main st., west, crossing the railroad and Beaver brook, passing the termini of Richards st and Bullard st (near by crossing Puffer brook) to Norwood st. A meadow of about five acres so called in Indian language as a place to cut grass.

Massapoag Brook. The outlet of Massapoag pond flowing from the N.E. corner of the pond in a northeasterly direction into the town of Canton. In its course are four ponds formed by damming the stream.

Massapoag Pond. Covers 460 acres. Its north shore is just south of the center of a line drawn from the north to the south extremity of Sharon. Its outlet is Massapoag Brook. This Indian name is believed to mean "much water".

Massapoag street. From the northeast corner of Massapoag pond, following the east line of the pond and turning up Sunset hill to Morse st.

Meeting-house Hill. The steep grade of Depot street from the Center to the railroad.
From the Barbour house up the hill through the Meeting house land to the Spruce 17 & 7 the old road from Middletons
Litter: Brackets mitten - Shoh
discontinued. See town records

Mohawk street. From Wolomolopoag st., near Bearfoot hill, and running northeasterly, crossing the railroad ("Vienna crossing") and ending at East Foxborough St.
From Wolomolopoag Street by Empire Nurse by Bearfoot Hill to Chestnut road 1778
Mohawk Swamp.

Monuments. Monument marking the junction of Sharon, Easton and Mansfield with the date 1799.

Monument marking the junction of Sharon, Walpole and Norwood, being a pudding stone with a "witness mark" 3 ft. from it.

Moose Hill. 536 ft high. The highest elevation in Sharon, two miles west of the Center. The adjoining homesteads are popularly said to be "on Moose hill." So named on Dorchester Proprietors plats of the twelve divisions. 1726.

Moose Hill burying ground.

Moose Hill cranberry swamp.

Moose Hill street. From South Main st. a little north of Wolomolopoag pond, and running north to Walpole line, crossing Walpole st. passing the termini of Uplands Road and Summit st. and crossing High Plain st.

Morse street. From Lakeview st northeasterly to Mountain st.

Mountain street. From East st. at Rockridge cemetery, southeasterly to Bay st. where the three towns of Sharon, Stoughton and Easton meet.

Mulberry Trees. Several old trees on Bay st. on the south side of the open field at the south corner of Central and Bay sts. Set out about 1830 in aid of the silk-worm industry by Jonathan Cobb, the Sharon postmaster.

Muster field. On the east side of Norwood st. near Upland Road - now covered with trees.

Mohawk Hill. This name is given on Dorchester Proprietor's plot of the twenty five divisions, to a hill about a mile west of the south west corner of Massapoag pond. [Is this the hill, 300 ft high, west of Mohawk st and near where it turns to cross the railroad?]

Neponset river. For a short distance this river bounds Sharon on its extreme north (at Pigeon swamp).

Norfolk place. Leading from the east side of South Main St., south of Garden St.

North Main street. From the Center northeasterly to Bay St. at Cobb's Corner, making a bend to the east at the foot of Saw-mill hill. From Taunton to Oliver Curtis house opposite William Coggins Oliver Curtis was a Tanner, his Tan Pits were in the bottom of the present Road so on to the Saw mill 1791

North Sharon. The north part of Sharon, especially the vicinity of the North school house

Norwood street. From Upland Road on the top of Sand hill, northwesterly to Walpole line, passing the termini of Maskwonicut, Bullard, High Plain and Viaduct streets. Between Maskwonicut and Bullard streets, Norwood street is in a valley with higher grounds on either side.

Norwood Street passes through one of the most beautiful Notch in the North-west of the town, the mountain range seems to have been broken Expressly for the road way, on the South side the water descends and runs into Beaver hole Meadow brook on the North side there is a beautiful little Lake the water of which runs through Pigeon Swamp into the Expanded river in the Notch half way between the two houses on the North side is one of the finest hemlock trees in this town, is known to be a hundred years old,

Oak Tree (White). A noticeable spreading tree in the Billings pasture, north of Billings St., on the declivity to Mann's pond. Under the tree is a spring of water used by the early settlers. (William R. Mann)

Oakland Road. From South Main St. west, crossing South Pleasant St

Octagon house. The only house of the kind in Sharon, built in 1848 by Charles Stevens and standing on Beach St.

Old post road. The ancient name of the accustomed way from Boston to Rhode Island and New York, of which County street formed a part.

November 23d 1772 Pay to William Price the sum of thirty Shillings for Making the Stock the districk of Stoughtonham setting them up at the Meting House,
See town records Page 65 Vol 1

Packard Brook. Name of Sucker brook where it crosses Mountain St. (Mrs R. Mann)

Paradise meadow. A cranberry meadow on the west side of South Main St, near Foxborough line.

Where the railroad

Pigeon Swamp. In the extreme north of Sharon. The name is familiarly applied, also, to the adjacent upland, as such a one "lives in Pigeon swamp." Pigeon swamp is so named and shown on Proprietors' plat of the twelve divisions 1726, where it is bounded NW by Traphole brook. Dorchester

Pine Hill. The steep grade in Upland Road west of Miss Keith's log cabin. So called from pine trees that used to grow there (Name not in use). on Hewins map, 1831 Called Hobbs hill

Pine Tree. (White) 10 ft 5/8 in. girth in the west part of Beaver Hole meadow on land of John G. Phillips.

Plains (see Sharon Plain)

Plimpton tomb. An old tomb on the Plimpton estate on South Walpole St.

Pole Plain. An ancient name for Sharon or the central portion of it. The Dorchester records for 1661 contain entry of a request "for to erect a village at Pole plaine or ther aborts" (George Willis Cooke's Origin of First Parish, Sharon).

Pond bank. An ancient natural furrow of land several feet high and broad, formerly denoting the margin of Massapoag pond (before its surface was permanently lowered over a century ago). Quite a portion of this bank still remains forming the west boundary of Beach st. north of Burkhardt's grove (Frederic Endicott)

Puffer Brook. Rises south of Maskwonicut st. runs north two miles crossing Maskwonicut st. and Viaduct st. emptying into Neponset river, in Canton, a little east of Traphole brook. Walling's map. 1853. Sometimes called Maskwonicut brook.

Pleasant View. That part of the high ground on which Sharon village stands, lying west of South Main street and south of about the location of Chestnut st. The name is from the view, towards the west, of Moose hill.

Pine Street. A short street from County st. south to South Walpole st.

Plimpton Pines

Quincy street. From the northeast corner of Massapoag pond, following Massapoag brook, to Ames st. at the Knife works.

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Rattle Snake Hill. 420 ft high (U.S. Geol Surv)
In the southeast part of Sharon, 4½ miles southeast from Moose Hill in a straight line of which the north part of Massapoag pond is the center.

Red Dirt. A strip of Massapoag st where the soil impregnated with iron is of a red color. It used to be used for trial of speed of horses

What does this signify, "On the red dirt"?

Reuphe road. Old name for the road from South main st now a part of Ames St. (Mrs. Fannie Adelaide Talbot)

Richards Brook. Rises south of Viaduct st. runs north about one mile, crosses Viaduct st. a little east of Fiot st., crosses a corner of Norwood, and empties into Traphole brook, in Sharon. Walling's map. 1853.

Ridge hill (or Rock ridge). A fine specimen of geological eskar running for half a mile south from East st. (near Mountain st.) to the rear of Massapoag st.

Reynolds misery meadow. On Massapoag brook south of North main st.

Rockridge cemetery. On the east side of East st at commencement of Mountain st. Here are the graves of ~~Job~~ Swift, Deborah Sampson Gannett, the supposed graves of Edmund Quincy and his daughter, and the soldiers monument.

William Richards Court

of the William Richards Manor is in Pidgeon Swamp in the Northwest part of Sharon. Edward Richards the ancestor came from England in the 1632 Ship Lyon and settled in Cambridge

When the town of Dedham was chosen his name was the fifty seventh on the compact

Edward Richard married Susanna Hunt-ress in 1636 and by her They had five Children, Three were daughters.

He died in 1727. Nathaniel the second son was a man of prominence in the Community and married Hannah Fisher and Settled in West-Roxbury and became large landholder, He bore the title of Captain, He lived to be over Seventy years of age He had Eight children of whom William was Second born in 1707. He married Elizabeth daughter of Thomas and Sarah Pike Baker of Roxbury, and settled upon farm

By his father at Pigeon Swamp in Sharon about 1734: These lands continued in the family name until about twenty years ago,

These decendants have a number of heirlooms which have been handed down from this ancestor, among which are his battle axe or Halberd and his commission as an Officer under King George II, This commission bears date Sept. 25, 1751 and is signed by Spencer Phipps Comander in chief and Lieut. Governor of the Colony of Massachusetts bay. These relics are now are now in the Antiquarian room of the Historical Society in Sharon. also, 2 are Indian relics donated to the Antiquarian Society and Photographed for S. Talbot for Historical Record presented. —

His oldest son William "an" was born before his father came to Sharon.

William Richards Jun was born August 2
1734 married Annalumings ~~Sept~~ 16 1758
He was a blacksmith, lived on Richards
Street for about fifty years and had a large
family of children who went down the State
of maine after the death of their parents about 1800

William Richards Sen. was one of the
Petitioners for the second Precinct and after
Sharon was granted and the meeting house
was built his children were baptized by the first
minister. He died 1797 the same year that
the Governor died

The second son Benjamin born March
20 1738 married Mary Belcher Nov 29 1763
and ever after until his death and three
generations of Richards until the old house on
Belcher Hill was burned down a few years
ago.

Ebenezer was born Feb 27 1744
and died July 6 1811. He married Oct 6 1763
Elisabeth Lyon. He was by occupation a Carpenter
and farmer and for many years reparied

Sassafras Tree. Just within the stone wall on east side of Moore Hill st. on land of George W. Field south of his house.

Saw Mill Hill. The acclivity in North Main st. commencing at Canton st. and ascending towards the village. It's old name, "Uncle Ned's hill", was from Edward Savels who lived near the present saw mill, and would often assist heavily loaded teams with his yoke of oxen.

Saw Mill Lane. Old name for Ames st. from South Main st. to the knife works.

Saw Mill Pond. Formed by damming Beaver brook. It lies between the railroad and the junction of South Main st. and Canton st.

Low R. Mann-98 says there is one a Hickey St west of Hancock Ave, but I have not found it

School-district stone bounds. Opposite house of George P. Lawrence on Massapoag St. near the water. At junction of Garden and East Foxborough St. At junction of Beach and East Foxborough St. At junction of Mohawk and East Foxborough St.

School-house site. (first). On west side of North Main St. nearly in front of Silas Poole's house.

School street. A short street from North Main St., at the high school building, west to Pleasant St.

Sharon Center. A designation for Sharon village, or more specifically for the central square, where is the large elm.

Sharon Heights. The name of the railroad station on Garden st. and designating the surrounding locality. So called from being at the highest point of the railroad grade.

Sharon Plain. or "the Plains". A large tract of remarkably level land between Massapoag pond and Bluff Head, through which runs South Main st.

Shepard court.

Shoemaker Valley. A name formerly given to Norwood st. as most of the men living there were shoemakers. (Geo. H. Whittemore)

South Main street. From the Center southwesterly to Foxborough line, crossing the railroad and Sharon plain, passing Wolomolopoag pond and crossing Billings brook to Dudley hill.

South Pleasant street. From Chestnut st. southerly crossing Walnut st. passing terminus of Edgewood Road and crossing Oakland Road.

South Sharon. The south part of Sharon, especially the vicinity of the South school house. This land was sold to Mayhew Tupper in 1738

South Walpole street. From South Main st, south of Wolomolopoag pond, northwesterly to Walpole line, crossing County st and passing terminus of Pine st.

Station street. From South Main st. north of the Sharon House, northwesterly to Depot st.
The orig. indl. Road before the meeting house was built in 1787 when Rev. Philip Curtis gave the town 1½ acre of land, and Depot St., was built, and the other road shut up.

Stone bridge. An old term for the simplest kind of bridge made by laying a flat rock across Puffer brook, rear of old Richards place on Richards st., where the brook was crossed by a town road long since disused

Stone avenue. From Billings st. southerly, passing the terminus of Maple ave. to Colman st.

This was discontinued in year 1787 after Dedham street had been built to Godards Corner

Stoughtonham Institute. This private academy was carried on by Sanford Waters Billings who built for its use a building on the south side of Billings st. now turned at right angles to its former position and occupied as a residence by Benjamin L. Fenwood.

Summit avenue. From Glendale Road, southerly, crossing Highland st., passing the termini of High St. and Boyden place, crossing Billings st. and ending at Maple ave.

Summit street. From Moose Hill st. (north of Moose hill), northwesterly to Wolfpole line.
Summit Street from Moose Hill Street to Jacob Smith old Cellar was discontinued as a Public road ~~thirty~~ years ago.
Sucker Brook. Rises east of Mountain St., runs across that street and Massapoag st. emptying into Massapoag pond near its SE corner. Called Packard brook where it crosses Mountain st (William R. Mann)
Sunset Hill. The name sometimes given to the elevated part of Massapoag st. near Morse st., from which is a good view of Massapoag pond and Moose hill beyond it. (George Kempton)

Sylvan Road. A private way from Edgewood Road curving around southerly to Oakland Road.

North Sharon

Traphole Brook where the Indians
trapped the fur bearing animals
in Early times is not the precise
bounds of the town of Sharon

Nathaniel Summer born
1720 graduated at Harvard
College in 1739, about this
time The tertary West of the
Neponset river to Dedham,
Because of the great distance
to the Church at Canton
Corner then Stoughton,
At this time Mr Summer had
Married Hannah Bullard the
daughter of Samuel Bullard
whose old Cellar May be seen
near the Dedham road half
Way between the brook and the

Mr Summer bought a large
tract of land about 600 acres,
and built a house on a fine hill
side on the West side of Traphole
brook near the house of. George
Hawes, Not wishing to be taxed in
two towns, Mr Summer had about
400 acres upon the Sharon side of
the Traphale brook set off to
Dedham, Nathaniel Summer
an Educated prominent and
responsible Citizen of Dedham
served the town in the various
offices of Select-Men, assessor,
overseer of the poor, town treasurer
and representive to the Legislature
As a Member of the Church in
Dedham now Norwood ~~to the~~
the office as Deacon Conferred
upon him,

Nathaniel Sumner had
Many friends in Old
Dorchester, In those days
end of her Many Children,
Tis[illegible] was one of the first to be set-
off to Dedham,
From the old records we
learn some loving Couples
Matrimonialy inclined
on the Dorchester side Crossed
over the Traphole brook to
the the residence of Justice
Sumner to be Married,
According to the Civil Laws of
Massachusets;
Nathaniel Sumner died in 1602

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Tanning pits.

Ask Mr. Edgar about.

Taunton road. An old name, continued to recent times, for Bay street, as the road leads to Taunton.

Tiot street. From Viaduct st. west of Edward J. Fuller's house, north to Norwood bounds.

Tisdale cemetery. A burial ground on the north side of Mountain st, not far from the brook near Bay st. Many of the graves are of the Tisdale family.

Tolman street From Pond st. South of Maple ave, East to Cottage st. passing the terminus of Stone ave.

Traphole Brook. Rises in Moose hill, runs through a corner of Walpole and Norwood and empties into Neponset river, forming in its last half mile the boundary between Sharon and Norwood. Traphole brook is so named on Dorchester Proprietors plat of the twelve divisions 1726. So also U.S. Geol. Surv, Trowel works. On Walling's map 1853 it is called "Taphole", which seems an error.

A former industry in the building now used by the Electric railroad as a car house on North Main st. where the cotton factory had stood. The term is sometimes used to designate the locality.

Tupper birthplace. The cellar hole and well and foundation of a shop are in the rear of the northeast part of Rockridge cemetery. Gen. Benjamin Tupper was active in the revolutionary war and one of the principal founders of Marietta, Ohio.

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Uncle Amasa's path. A path along the east side of Wolomolopoag st. made, about 1820, by Amasa Hewins, the portrait painter (Eben Newell Hewins, a son, 1905)

Uncle Ned's Hill. A name formerly given to Saw Mill hill, which see.

Upland Road. From the railroad, west, making several turns, crossing Beaver brook, passing the termini of Norwood and Everett streets, and ending at Moose Hill St.

Old County Sheet

In the Year 1747. Samuel Guild
who Resided where Stewart now lives Petitioned
in The Sharon Precinct, to be Set off to Walpole
because he and Joseph Parker Isaac
Royal & John Smith, were required by law
to attend meeting in Sharon after making an
Examination of the case The General Court Set
them to Walpole —— Joseph Parker also
petitioned for a Tavern license to sell
Spirituous liquors which was granted
Afterward the Billings who lived
on the other side of the street threatened to
go to Walpole rather than send their children
so far to the West-School., but they were finally
satisfied by having a School near their
habitations

Viaduct street. From Norwood st. at North school house, east to Canton bounds, passing terminus of Tiot st. crossing Richards brook and Puffer brook and passing the terminus of Dewan st. The street leads to the railroad viaduct in Canton Junction.

Vienna Crossing. Popular name of the locality at the railroad crossing of Mohawk st.

Origin of term?

Wainman's Ordinary.

Walnut street From South main st., a little south of the town hall, west, crossing South Pleasant st. passing the terminus of Edgewood Road and turning to meet Chestnut st.

Walpole street. From South main st, northwesterly to Walpole bounds at County st., crossing Moose Hill st.

Begins 1767 near the house of Lemuel Lyon and runs West on the South side of Nathaniel Morse land the as the Cart way leads to house at Benjamin Coates

Washington place. From South main st, East, opposite Station st.

West burying ground. On a rising ground on west side of South Main st (with County st in the rear). The oldest stone is Capt Ebenezer Billings 1718.

West Sharon. The west part of Sharon especially in the vicinity of the West School house.

Whale's back. Old name for a rock by the south side of Dedham st.

Wilbur Pond. This name has been found applied to Leach's pond, which see

Wolomolopoag Pond. Was sometimes called Billings pond, covers 32 acres, lies north of junction of South Main St. and South Walpole st, opposite Wolomolopoag st, furnishing an old-fashioned watering place on South Main St. The pond is 1½ miles south of Moose hill and the same distance west of Massapoag pond

Wolomolopoag street. From South Main St, opposite Wolomolopoag pond, southeasterly, to Foxborough bounds near the railroad, crossing the termini of Furnace and Mohawk streets.

Woodland street, From Pond st., south of Tolman St, East to Cottage st.

Willow street. A street beginning near the south end of Mansfield St, and running west about a mile to East Foxborough.

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Name of burying ground, corner Moose Hill St & Walpole St ?
West Sharon Cemetary

~~Name of street at Sharon Heights, running from near the bridge on South Main St. to Garden St ?~~

Several old Revolutionary Soldiers buried here,
Stephen Flood a Soldier from Scotland
Cato Johnson also soldier of Revolution.
An old settler prefered the Chestnut Hill burying ground & exclaimed very emphatically "I will never be buried here in the woods as long as I live"